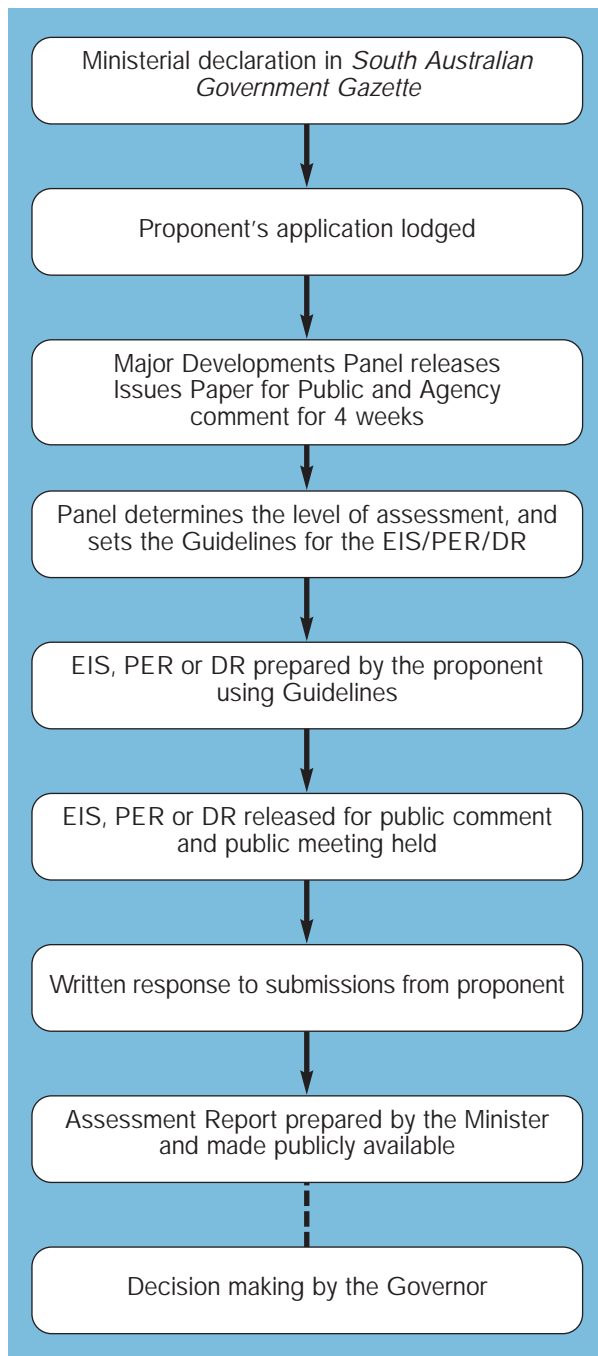


Summary of Major Development or Projects process



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Further information

Further details can be obtained from the following :

- *Guide to the Assessment of Major Developments or Projects*
- *The Major Developments Panel and lodging a submission (pamphlet)*
- *An Introduction to Major Developments and Projects (pamphlet)*

Available from:

Planning SA phone (08) 8303 0745

The Planning SA internet site
www.planning.sa.gov.au

Panel website
www.planning.sa.gov.au/md_panel

Manager Assessment Branch
Planning SA phone (08) 8303 0745



Guide to Making a Submission on a Proponent's Report



- **Environmental Impact Statements**
- **Public Environmental Reports**
- **Development Reports for a Major Development or Project**

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Public Environmental Report (PER) or a Development Report (DR) is prepared by a proponent (person or company undertaking the project) at the request of the Minister for Urban Development and Planning, in accordance with the provisions of Section 46 of the Development Act, 1993.

An important objective of the EIS/PER/DR process is to ensure sufficient information is available for the Government to make informed decisions on the project.

Can my comments make a difference?

Yes - all submissions received are referred to the proponent. For an EIS or a PER the proponent must respond to all submissions in the form of a Response Document. For a DR, the proponent may provide a Response Document. The Minister considers all the submissions and any response when assessing the proposal.

What is the best form in which to submit my comments?

A submission may provide information, options or suggestions, or identify errors or omissions in the information presented. Comment may be made on general issues, or specific aspects, and suggestions may be made on ways to improve the proposal.

It is particularly helpful if the submissions indicate:

- specific interest in the proposal;
- opinion of the proposal or particular aspects of it;
- what measures would be appropriate to improve the proposal;
- any errors or omissions in the information presented; and
- the sources of your information.

It should be noted that unless otherwise stated, all public submissions will be treated as public documents. Please indicate if you wish the submission to remain confidential.

It is best for your submission to:

- attempt to list points, so that issues are clear;
- refer each point to the appropriate sections within the EIS/PER/DR;
- include your name, address and date; and
- be typed, or neatly handwritten on A4 paper.

All submissions should be clearly marked:

'Submission on the (name of the proposal) and must be forwarded by the due date.

Address submissions to:

**The Minister for Urban Development and Planning
Attention:
Manager,
Assessment Branch
Roma Mitchell House
136 North Terrace
PO Box 1815
ADELAIDE SA 5001**

All submissions received within the set time period will form part of the assessment process for the project.

A letter of acknowledgment will be sent to all submitters. A submission by two or more people should nominate a contact person for this purpose.

The availability of the Assessment Report will be advertised usually in the Saturday edition of *The Advertiser*.



Assessment Procedure

- 1 The proponent prepares an EIS/PER/DR. This document addresses those matters and issues defined in Guidelines provided by the Major Developments Panel on behalf of the Minister for Urban Development and Planning.
- 2 The EIS/DR/PER is made available for the period of public comment, during which time interested people and organisations are invited to make written submissions.
- 3 Public submissions and Government agency comment received in response to the EIS/PER/DR are forwarded to the proponent. For the EIS and PER process, the proponent must provide a written response to submissions in the form of a Response Document. For a DR, the proponent may provide a Response Document.
- 4 An Assessment Report, which takes the public and Government agency comments into account, is prepared by the Minister for Urban Development and Planning. This report is published.

Upon completion of the assessment process

The Minister for Urban Development and Planning will make a recommendation via Cabinet, to the Governor, for a decision to be made on the proposal. Conditions may also accompany the decision.

There is no appeal against a decision made by the Governor.